Imposing fines on vehicles causing Pollution

@@ 2267-B. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to impose minimum fine of Rs. 1000 for pollution from vehicles and if so, details thereof and the details of pollutants that are sought to ba controlled;

(b) whether Government are aware that the maximum pollution, both chemical and sound comes from Motor-cycles, three wheelers, trucks, diesel engines and the least from cars; and if so, the estimated break up of chemical pollution from each of various types of vehicles on the road throughout the country;

(c) whether Government would as a first step vehicles using mobile oil in the fuel; and

(d) whether Government would set up an advisory committee with adequate consumer representation before making any unrealistic and discriminatory legislation rules in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) In the Motor (Vehicles) Amendment Act, 1988, Section 190(2) provides a minimum fine of Rs. 1000/- for the first offence and Rs. 2000/- for subsequent offences.. The major pollutants which are sought to be controlled are: Carbon monoxide from petrol driven vehicles (3 and 4. 5 per cent by volume for four and two/three-wheeled vehicles respectively) and smoke from diesel vehicles (65 Hatridge smoke units).

(b) As reported by the Central Pollution Control Board, the main pollutant from vehicles is Carbon monoxide. It has been estimated that the Carbon monoxide emission from passenger cars is 40 kg/1000 km. run as against 17 kg. for two-wheelers and 12. 7 kg. from trucks. The Government are not aware of any studies conducted on noise emission from different types of vehicles.

(c) and (d) There are no such proposals.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the chair]

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